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I am opposed to measure 210 because it could make it very difficult for lots of people to vote - those who live far away from a polling location, those without a means of transportation to the polling location, those with disabilities that make it difficult to get to the polling location. The latter situation applies to me, since I suffered a stroke back in October of 2024 which has made it impossible for me to drive a car or to walk without the assistance of a wheelchair or a walker. Well it is possible that I could find someone who could transport me with my walker to a polling location, is a burden that I would prefer not to ask someone else to deal with.

If there was evidence that Oregon voters used the vote by mail method to cast fraudulent ballots, then I could see why there might be more of a call for in-person voting. From what I have read, there have been minimal cases of fraudulent voting in Oregon. Here is a statement that shows how minimal fraudulent voting has been in Oregon's vote by mail system: "A review of the vote by mail system? by the state's Legislative Fiscal Office found from 2000-2019 there were approximately 61 million ballots cast. Of those, 38 criminal convictions of voter fraud were obtained. This amounts to a .00006% rate".

Since there is no evidence of significant voter fraud in Oregon, it makes no sense to me to get rid of the vote by mail system currently in place, which has made voting easier for everyone, especially for those whose circumstances would make it difficult for them to vote in person. This is why I am opposed to measure 210. ?